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Intimations.
FOR BANGKOK.
Steamship
"MADAGASCAR"
Ann. Master, will be despatched for the
Port TO-DAY, the 8th instant, at 5 P.M.
Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
57 Hongkong, 5th March, 1975.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
 41 American Ship
 "MOUNT WASHINGTON."
 Perkins, Master, will have early despatch
 o.
 Freight, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 1 Hongkong, 5th March, 1875.
 STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
 Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI
 and YOKOJIMA.
 P. & O. E. N. Co.'s Steamship

"KHEDIVE"
 for the above place about 24 hours
 or arrival with the next English Mail.
A. MCIVER
Superintendent.

S. N. Co.'s Office,
 London, 6th March, 1875. [338]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ORISSA"
 for the above place shortly after the
 of the next English Mail.
A. MCIVER
Superintendent.

S. N. Co.'s Office,

kung, 6th March, 1875. [369]
BEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 R LONDON via SUEZ CANAL.
 Company's Steamship
"DIOMED."
 despatched on or about the 20th inst.
 freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 Hongkong, 6th March, 1875.
TO LET.
 Garden Road, known as "HARPER-
 HILL," lately the Residence of J. M.
 Esq.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
HONGKONG, 6th March, 1875.

FOR SALE.

STEAM ENGINES, 80 Horse-power, direct acting inverted Cylinders 24 inches diameter, 2 feet 6 inches stroke, common Condensers, in good working order. Boilers complete, with 62 feet of 7½ inch shafting, and two Propellers 10 feet diameter; have been in use for a few years. For particulars, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

GUN AND REVOLVER.
SALE, a 12-Bore Central Fire Breec-
chloading GUN and Royal Irish Consta-
bular REVOLVER. Address "B.L." Office
"Paper."
HONGKONG, 4th March 1875. And His
underlands Majesty's Consulate, have
BEEN REMOVED to the Premises
occupied by Messrs. BOUJEAU & Co.
EDUARD SCHEELHAASS & Co.
HONGKONG, 14 March, 1875.
HARMONIUM.

**SALE, an Alexandra "CHURCH
ARMONIOUS" with 23 Stops, and an
set of Vibrators,
Particulars, address "A. B." at the
this Paper.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1875.**

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
SINGAPORE, 22nd JANUARY, 1875.
**REGULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**
S. S. AVOCA.

SIGNEEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate ports, and in connection with the S. S. *Kaive Chay*, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at Risk in the Company's Godowns at Pointe, whence delivery can be obtained at date.

Goods not delivered by the 8th inst. will be to Rent.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1875.

AN BARK PAPA, FROM HAM-
BURG.

SIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby requested to send in Bills of Lading for the Undersigned for their signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

By impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

WIELE & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1875.

DEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SIGNEES per Company's Steamer *Diomed* are hereby notified that the Goods being discharged into Crates, and landed at Godowns of the Undersigned, in both the above

will be a cargo of 1000 tons, ready for delivery from Crato or Godown after the 26th February, 1875. It is understood after 6th March, 1875, will be sent to Rant.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
32 Bank Lane, 26th February, 1875.

**AN BARK FABUN, FROM HAM-
BURG.**

SUBSIGNED

SUBSIGNED of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby requested to send in bills of Lading to the Undersigned, for signature, and to, take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Impeding the discharge will be landed

44 at Consignees HICK & Co. and
 45 WIELEB & Co.
 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1878:
 MAGNIFICENT MESSAGHERIES
 MARITIMES.
 NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are
 requested to send in their Bills of Lading
 undermarked for countersignature, and
 immediate delivery; this Cargo has been
 and stored at their risk and expense.
 Fire Insurance has been effected.
 O. BERTRAND,
 Principal Agent.

38.	1000 lbs.	85 cases Paper.
Ex "	"Tigre," 19th December, 1874	
		1 box Merchandise.
Ex "	"Amazona," 29th January, 1875	
		1 box Merchandise.
n	Triangle, 34 42	9 bales Paper.
		1 case Merchandise.
	in demand.	
	12th 1875.	2 cases Do.
	diamond, 1	1 case Do.
		1 bale Merchandise.
		1 case Wire.
Shanghai,	2nd February, 1876.	

Post-Office Notifications

For Jollo.—*Per Doria*, to-day, the 6th inst. at 1.30 p.m.

For Manila.—*Per Formosa*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 9 p.m., instead of at the time previously notified.

For Bangkok.—*Per Madagacar*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

For Eswato, Amoy, and Foochow.—*Per Yesso*, to-day, the 6th inst., at 6 p.m.

MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET."
The French Mail Packet, the "ALBA" will be dispatched with the "FRENCHDAY," the 17th inst., with the Mail to—
To and through the United Kingdom *Navarres*, to France and other Continents (as in a closed mail to France), to Saigon, Singapore, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Aden, Socorah, Reunion and Mauritius, St. and Alexandria.

The Post Office will be open for the receipt of Letters, and for the forwarding of Books, until 11 a.m. on the 17th March, after which no Letters can be received.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 p.m. on the 16th March.

Letters for Registration will be received until 10 a.m. on the 17th March.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 26th February, 1875.

MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."
The English Contract Packet, "SUND" will be dispatched with the usual Mail for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at Noon.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 p.m. on the 17th inst.

The Post Office will be open until 6 p.m. on the 17th inst.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night on the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until 10 a.m. on the 18th inst.

Letters may be posted until 10 a.m. on the 18th inst., without notice.

Letters posted after 10 a.m. on the 18th inst., will not be forwarded unless accompanied by 15 cents each as well as the post is prepaid.

The latest time for posting Letters at the Office is 11 a.m., and for Newspapers, Books, &c., 10 a.m. on the 18th inst.

Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *via* Brazil, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet on the 18th inst., to the effect of sending on a *Leide* *Free* of 45 cents each as well as the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1875.

It is hereby notified that Government information that the Postage on Letters forwarded by *any* way, when forwarded *via* Southampton, henceforward be 36 cents for each half-ounce which may either be paid in advance, or it be left to be collected on delivery of the Letters, subject to the subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that henceforward postage on letters addressed to Denmark will be forwarded *via* Southampton, will be 28 cents per half-ounce, *prepaid* on delivery. Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that the postage chargeable upon *paid* Letters addressed to France will be 12 cents per quarter ounce, when forwarded by French Mail Packet, 18 cents per quarter ounce when forwarded by British Mail Packet.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that the rates of post chargeable henceforth on Letters addressed to the United Kingdom, when forwarded by the United Kingdom, when forwarded by *any* Packet, will be the same as those chargeable on Letters forwarded by British Packet *via* Brazil.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified for general information that the Postage on Letters forwarded by *any* way, when forwarded to Russia, when marked to be forwarded *via* Southampton, will be reduced to 40 cents per half-ounce.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) have given notice to the General Post Office in London that the rate of postage on Letters forwarded to the Colony are chargeable with Customs Duty. The undersigned considers it necessary to make this Regulation known to the Public, and state that any letters or packets containing such articles sent through the Post are liable with their contents, to be forfeited.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that a number of British Contract Packets have been established between Aden and Zanzibar, which, with connection with the regular mail on Letters of remittance of correspondence from Hongkong to the foreign ports on the East African Coast, as well as for Natal and the Cape Colony, St. and Alexandria, and sent henceforward postage, which may be paid in advance, on letters addressed to Zanzibar, Mosambique, Diogo Bay, Natal, the Cape of Good Hope, Aden, will be 20 cents for each half-ounce, newspapers 3 cents.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified for general information that, on and after the 1st January, 1875, the Postage on Correspondence forwarded by *any* way *Ship* to the Straits Settlements must be prepaid at the following rates, viz.:—
For Letters, 40 cents for each half-ounce.
For Papers, 30 " " " each.
For Book Packets 50 " " " each.
And Packets of 5 " " for each 4 ounce.

The registration fee on such correspondence is Twelve cents for each Letter, Paper or Packet.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified for general information that the Postage (which must be paid in advance upon Letters addressed to Prince of Wales Island, will henceforward be as follows:—
When forwarded *via*—
Whitford, 42 cents each half-ounce.
Manille, 36 " " each half-ounce.
Southampton, 28 " " each half-ounce.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the rate of postage which must be paid in advance on Letters of printed papers, newspapers, &c., to the United Kingdom by the United States Packet, *via* San Francisco, will be as follows:—
For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce in weight, 10 cents.
For a packet above 1 ounce not exceeding 3 ounces, 15 " "
For a packet above 3 ounces not exceeding 8 ounces, 20 " "
And eight cents for every additional four ounces. These rates apply to Printed Circulars, Printed Reports, Market Reports, and all printed papers, except Newspapers, and as to Books, &c., to be sent by Parcel Post.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

Extracts.

THE OLD YEAR, 1874.
At dead of night the year lies down to die.
With a shudder of more than his cold breast,
Lurches across the dark, and with a low moan,
From beneath that narrow depth, lastingly,
In heaven for those he turned to his rest.

Mid sleep and storm, the old year's patient eye
Met on the night deep their numerous homes;
While they lay down with a low moan,
Heard in the last day, drifting, round the year,
A voice which prophesied their hour had come.

The cry of some loud horn once more—
An ill of fire and the ocean roar—
No resting place, no rest and friendly shore,
Save from the raging flames that burn and roar.
Where people live have not such light close.

Our lot, too, lies in heaven's perilous road,
Our path each step our unassuming way,
The living on a journey starry, the dead
By scores on a longer journey led.
To wait, not Christian, but the judgment Day.

And at how many by sudden call,
Through fall of suffering one,
This year has summoned here, the tears that fall
By scores on a longer journey led.
To wait, not Christian, but the judgment Day.

Father! To thee we bow. Thy stern decrees
Inalienable to us are. This we know
That unrepentant souls, who have not seen
Thy mercy, Thy forgiveness, love, and grace;
Thou wilt not wait, though we delayed his low.
—Speaker.

MAGNUDE'S GOAT

Mrs. Magude's baby, says Max Adeler, is carried out by the nurse now, since the accident it contained. Magude's daughter, it would be good idea, to have a tame goat to pull the coach, and he bought one for the purpose; but one day the goat met another goat that differed from him in politics or religion, or something, and each under took to convince the other by jumping into the air. Every time Magude's goat would jump up, preparatory to making a lunge forward, Magude's baby would lurch over backward, and when Magude's goat struck the other goat the commission would shake the milk in the baby's stomach into butter. And sometimes the other goat would aim at Magude's goat, which would dodge, and then the other goat would plunge into the coach, and knock the baby up in the most frightful manner. And in the midst of the contest a couple of dogs joined in, and Magude's goat backed off and tilted the coach into the gutter, and the dogs, biting round kind of generally, would snap at the goat and cause it to whirl the baby round just in time for the baby, until the goat got into the coach, and the goat, biting through the fence, leaving the coach on the other side, and it struggled frantically to escape, while the other goat crowded up against the baby in order to avoid the dogs, and finally knocked the baby out, and butted the coach to splinters.

THE FLOOR OF THE OCEAN.

The voyage of the Challenger promises to accomplish even more than was at first anticipated in throwing light upon certain disputed questions in regard to the physics and natural history of the globe. The subject of the floor of the ocean, which has been so long a puzzle, and some of the most important geological problems seem to be receiving their solution. One of these is adverted to by Mr. Alexander S. Wilson, in a paper published in the *Chemical News* upon some of the chemical aspects of physical geography, based upon the results of the Challenger's voyage. In the Challenger's report, the Challenger's letters from the Challenger, referring to the fact that in sailing from Tenerife to St. Thomas the soundings indicated that the bottom of the Atlantic rises into a ridge about 300 miles from Tenerife, and that from this, where the depth was 1,500 fathoms, the bottom sloped gently down, until at 750 miles west of Tenerife, this continuing a depth of 2,500 fathoms, this continuing constant till within 300 miles of Sombrero. A remarkable relationship was found to exist between the depth and the character of the dredgings. At 1,500 fathoms the dredge brought up globularia oozes, multitudes of minute shells, and fragments of coral, the whole composed mainly of calcareous matter. As the depth increased the proportion of these shells diminished until in the deep water they disappeared, and there was nothing brought up but the fine red mud which did not interfere with acids. This, consisting of iron and alumina, was met with everywhere over the plain, and could not be, therefore, as at one time supposed, the mud brought out by great currents, such as those of the Amazon and Orinoco, but must have been produced on the spot. A specially noteworthy circumstance was the absence of shells, found elsewhere in so great numbers. In explanation of this phenomenon, Mr. Wilson refers to the concurrent fact that the water from these great depths is very rich in carbonic acid, the depth of 1,475 fathoms containing 40 per cent. of carbonic acid, the percentage probably increasing rapidly with the descent. Water thus saturated with carbonic acid will readily dissolve carbonate of lime; and Professor Thompson therefore concludes that the uniform deposit of red clay is simply the insoluble parts of the shells, the residue of the action of the carbonic acid on the shells. The animals living on this area are universally destitute of a shell covering, this being either siliceous or membranous. Thus while the shallower regions of the deep seabed are covered by a layer of grayish-white ooze profuse in organisms, whose shells will one day form chalk, this in the deep submarine floor is dissolved, leaving behind only the red mud. A geological formation would consequently in time consist of chalk or lime-stones of some sort at the higher levels, gradually losing its calcareous character as it passed lower down, first into a calcareous slate, and finally into a slate containing no lime whatever. —*New York Tribune.*

JACK SHEPPARD AND WYCH-STREET.

On the north side of Wych-street, newly about the corner, in the entrance to New Inn through which in the day-time there is a thoroughfare into the district region of Clare Market. In a narrow corner of this street the notorious Jack Sheppard served his apprenticeship to Mr. Wood, the carpenter, and in White Inn Passage stood the "hostelry" of the "White Lion," the scene of many of the events in the life of that prince of "cocksmen," who used nightly to meet in the tap-room his professional friends and acquaintances, and with whose feats and various adventures the pen of Mr. Harrison Ainsworth has made us so familiar. The site of the old "White Lion" was at the corner of one of the small courts on the northern side, and is now occupied by a carpenter's shop. —*Cassell's Old and New London.*

THE SUEZ CANAL AND THE BITTER LAKES.

We reached Ismailia, a tumble-to-pieces summer-house on the top of the bank, with broad steps leading down to the water, was pointed out to us the place where the grand ceremony of opening the canal was performed by the assembled crowned heads of Europe—by all, at least, save England. Looking on that dismal, ghastly spot, it was hard to conjure up a vision of the bright and brilliant company who then thronged those stars. The only sign of life about the place was a caravan of red-coloured camels, and a dirty Arab, driven poor, poverty-stricken wretches they looked. A little further we met a large flock of meek Eastern sheep, with long, pendulous ears, following the tall shepherd, who walked on before them, clad in picturesque Arab dress. Towards sunset we strolled into Lake Timsoh, whose clear, bright blue waters are alive with a variety of white and yellow sand dotted with dark vegetation. The flourishing new town of Ismailia lies on the shore of the lake, where, making the prettiest picture we had yet seen. Groups of good houses, half veiled by shrubs, tell of the gardens that have sprung up since the arrival of abundant fresh water; and, conspicuous above all, the palace of the Khedive, built for the great day of festivity, and never used since then. We were told that already it is literally falling to pieces, notwithstanding some slight occasional repairs. [Since the above was written the palace has been completely restored.] Of course, on the occasion of that great ceremony, the accommodation of the army was vastly increased by immense encampments, thousands of tents overspread the plain, and the surrounding desert echoed the unnumbered sounds of festivity, while unnumbered hospitalities were freely showered on all comers. The whole scene must have seemed strange indeed in the eyes of the assembled sons of the desert, beholding the city on a fixed habitation, which had sprung up like some wondrous fungus of rapid growth, in the midst of the desert, and which, as if by magic, they saw peopled by unknown races from distant lands, brought thither by innumerable vessels, which now for the first time sailed into the lonely desert lake, hitherto known only to (or at least visited only by) the nomads in their seasonal wanderings. Now these blue waters reflected the stately ships that overgladdened sailors' eyes, all decked with gayest flags—beautiful ships of all nations, peacefully anchored, while smaller craft plied to and fro with incessant motion. In out-of-the-way corners of the lake were ranged the old dredgers which had done so much good work, and which (to some one observed) appeared in the midst of that gay scene very much like groups of natives in working-dress in a brilliant ball-room. Still more startling to the Arab mind must have been the scene after nightfall, when suddenly the darkness was illumined by a wondrous blaze of coloured fire—each house in the new city, every tent, every ship, even every dredger, was brilliantly lighted up. Each ship was marked by lines of vivid light, and festoons of lamps, so that the whole lake gleamed with long reflections. Then followed a brilliant display of fireworks, and for the first time the wondrous Arabs beheld hissing rockets rushing heavenwards, while many coloured fire-balls burst from the land and sky, brighter than all in their eyes (and they had been admitted to behold these mysteries), would have seemed that brilliant light where the Viceroy entertained his guests, and where beautiful European women danced with unveiled faces to the sweet and gay music of the orchestra, which was wafted across the lake, and which, as the night breeze floated lightly across the then silent desert. Now, all was well-nigh as still and peaceful as in the old days before the creation of the great new highway; and a sense of unnumbered repose stole over us as we were anchored for the night in the lake of the Bitter Lakes, on the golden shore of the Suez Canal, and where the water, then this calm, bright place to the full glow of moon and stars; and there was great calm in earth and heaven. We tasted these bitter waters, and found that they justly deserved their title, being intensely briny. It is said that a layer of salt, well-nigh two feet in depth, lies at the bottom of the lake, and that the golden shore of the Suez Canal, which the water supply pouring ceaselessly on, continues for ever accumulating. —*Good Words.*

INSURANCES.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors, authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £100,000 on any one First-class Risk, or to the extent of £25,000 on Adjoining Risks at Current Rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.
48 Hongkong, 8th January, 1876.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Established 1800.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £100,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 percent. per annum.

Other Dwelling Houses, 1 percent. per annum.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, and their Contents, 1 percent. per annum.

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES.

Not exceeding ten days, 1/2 of the annual rate.

Not exceeding one month, 2/3 of the annual rate.

Not exceeding three months, 3/4 of the annual rate.

Not exceeding six months, 4/5 of the annual rate.

Not exceeding twelve months, the full annual rate.

GILMAN & CO., Agents.
1193 Hongkong, 8th May, 1874.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten Agents are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £100,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 percent. per annum.

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DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.

1717 Hongkong, 8th November, 1869.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 percent. per annum.

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INSURANCES.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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